

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims per the suggestion of the Examiner. As to the non-prior art rejections under 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112, and as to the claim objections, Applicant believes that these rejections and objections are now moot, insofar as the offending phrases have been removed from the claims. As to the prior art rejections under 35 USC 103, Applicant submits that the amendments that have been made should render them patentable to the satisfaction of the Examiner. In particular, Applicant has made more explicit the limitations that were discussed in the previous office action responses as to why the claims are patentable over the prior art of record; this is not discussed in this preliminary amendment to avoid redundancy, and instead the Examiner is referred to the previous office action response in this respect.

Applicant is eager to get this patent application allowed, since two requests for continuing examination have already been filed in this matter. To that end, if the Examiner believes that any further limitations that if added to the claims would render them allowable, and/or if the Examiner believes that a conference would be useful in advancing this case towards allowance, he is respectfully requested to indicate as much in the next office action, and Applicant's representative, Mike Dryja, will set one up. The Examiner is of course greatly encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at any time himself, as well.

Respectfully Submitted,



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